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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE - US RELATIONS: MILAM CASE

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 903

1. CODEL STAFF MEMBER MOOSE DISCUSSED MILAM CASE WITH SHARFUDIN KHAN AUGUST 1. MOOSE TOLD KHAN CONGRESS HAD RECEIVED NUMEROUS INQUIRIES REGARDING DETENTION OF MILAM AND THAT IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF THIS CASE WERE TO BECOME AN IRRITANT IN MOZAMBIQUE-US RELATIONS AT THIS CRUCIAL JUNCTURE. WHILE STRESSING THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT IS CLEARLY INTERNAL MOZAMBIQUE MATTER, MOOSE SUGGESTED THAT, UNLESS MILAM HAD COMMITTED SOME SERIOUS CRIME, BEST WAY FOR GPRM REMOVE THIS POTENTIAL IRRITANT IS TO EXPEL MILAM. HE ADDED THAT FACT MILAM HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY CHARGED MAY MAKE THIS COURSE OF ACTION EASIER.

2. AFTER TAKING NOTE OF DETAILS ON MILAM ARREST AND DETENTION, KHAN SAID HE WOULD CONTACT POLICE AUTHORITIES AND HOPEFULLY BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE GPRM DECISION ON MILAM CASE PRIOR TO CODEL DEPARTURE.
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